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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 835

Introduced by Assembly Member Mitchell
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Dickinson, Nestande, and Solorio)

February 17, 2011

An act to amend Section 88532 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 835, as amended, Mitchell. Community colleges: Economic and Workforce Development Program.

Existing law, until January 1, 2013, establishes the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program. Existing law provides for the awarding of grants for this program, and provides that this program shall only be implemented during fiscal years for which funds are appropriated for these purposes. Existing law requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as part of the program, to assist economic and workforce regional development centers and consortia to improve linkages and career-technical education pathways between high schools and community colleges, in a manner that, among other things, improves the quality of career exploration and career outreach materials. Existing law also requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges

to develop an implementation strategy for achieving this goal, as specified.

The bill would authorize a community college district to enroll high school pupils who are not residents of the district in a program developed and implemented by the district, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.

State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 88532 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 88532. (a) The board of governors shall assist economic and
4 workforce regional development centers and consortia, including
5 middle and junior high schools or high schools and regional
6 occupational centers and programs, to improve linkages and
7 career-technical education pathways between high schools and
8 community colleges for the benefit of pupils and students in both
9 education systems. This assistance shall include all of the
10 following:

11 (1) Expanding certificate programs in identified economic
12 development program strategic priority areas.

13 (2) Aligning existing technical preparation programs and
14 career-technical education curriculum between high schools and
15 community colleges to more targeted industry-driven programs
16 through the models consistent with economic and workforce
17 development strategic priority areas.

18 (3) Promoting the California Community Colleges Economic
19 and Workforce Development Program's successful integration of
20 business and emerging industries with career technical programs
21 provided in high schools.

22 (4) Creating new articulated courses between high schools and
23 community colleges and, where appropriate, four-year institutions.

24 (5) Accelerating education and training for those students who
25 choose to be prepared for career and technical employment
26 opportunities in less traditional and more expeditious methods
27 while maintaining and ~~or~~ improving student competencies.

28 (6) Exploring new and more relevant career and technical
29 practicum models that integrate coursework and student internship.

1 (7) Improving the quality of career exploration and career
2 outreach materials.

3 (8) Disseminating materials and curriculum to all middle schools
4 and senior high schools.

5 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a community college district
6 may enroll a high school pupil who is not a resident of that
7 community college district in a program that is developed and
8 implemented by the community college district pursuant to this
9 section, and the district shall not be subject to any other geographic
10 limitations for these purposes if the program is designed to serve
11 high school pupils or involves multiple school districts or
12 community college districts, or both, *and the program is not offered*
13 *at the pupil's high school.*

14 (c) The chancellor shall develop an implementation strategy for
15 the program objectives delineated in this section as a part of the
16 annual expenditure plan submitted to the advisory committee for
17 the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce
18 Development Program and the board of governors.

19 (d) This section shall be operative only in fiscal years for which
20 funds have been appropriated by the Legislature expressly for the
21 purposes of this section.

22 (e) The board of governors shall ensure that elementary and
23 secondary school educators strongly collaborate with college
24 faculty in implementing this section.